

The Rejection Under 37 CFR 102(e) and 103(a)

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of the claims as now amended under either 37 CFR 102(e) or 103(a) in view of Rabon et al.

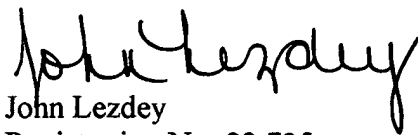
The present invention relates to the removal of a biofilm from a medical water line. The essential features of the invention is the use of a composition containing particular alkali metal iodide salt and a dicarboxylic acid with an oxidizing agent and a phosphate buffer so that the pH is about 2-5. The combination is effective to remove biofilm and microbial iodide salt.

Rabon et al teaches away from the invention since the applicant teaches an acidic pH and the use of alkali metal iodide salts.

Moreover, the reference is not relevant since applicants claim an earlier priority date.

Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly solicited.

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